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MINAS PRIETAS

A Grist of News From the Great Gold
Camp of Sonora.

Saturday, Mr. A. S. McKinzie will go to Nogales for a short business visit.

Mr. H. B. Dodge of Tucson, is manager of the American drug store at La Colorada.

At La Colorada last week a prominent business man was arrested and fined \$100 for publicly kissing a pretty girl against her will.

Monday Mrs. John Wilson, who has been in the camp some months, returned to her home at Nogales.

Mr. John G. Mason has returned from a visit of three months in his "old Kentucky home," and the 1st inst, resumed his place as engineer at the air compressor at the Creston hoist.

Recently there was found in the bed of Doctor Hughes, about an hour after he had arisen, a seven inch centipede. Ever since, the doctor has been wondering whether the creature was his bed fellow all night, or whether it crawled into the bed after he got out.

Miss Mae Paisley returned from her vacation Tuesday evening; and on Thursday morning the American school at La Colorada resumed its session. Miss Paisley taught the school last year, and proved a very capable and efficient teacher.

Mr. Ramon Esquer, proprietor of "El Bazaar," at La Colorada, has extended his handsome commercial emporium to include an adjacent building of large size, to which is devoted the dry goods and clothing department. The premises heretofore occupied are now devoted to groceries exclusively. Both departments are filled with large and

the south—and the property of the Pinelli Mining Company lies on the north, while other good properties lie both east and west. Through the Dea are traced several well defined ledges, from which good assays have been taken, showing both gold and silver. There has been done some development work, and the owners are arranging to sink further. With work, the property will doubtless prove of great value.

THE OASIS office has just completed printing a large supply of custom house forms of all sizes, which are for sale in quantities to suit. *



THE CRESTON HOIST AT MINAS PRIETAS.

Mr. Ed James, recently with Jack Gates at Nogales, is now running a shift on the great Reidler pump in the 1000-foot level of the Creston mine.

A new condenser has been erected at the Creston hoist for utilization at the air compressor. It is a means of great saving in fuel, and is from plans made by Mr. A. H. Hall, master mechanic.

Monday morning some daring thief slipped into the hotel at La Colorada and carried off the vest, watch and chain of THE OASIS editor, who sat in an adjacent room engaged in writing. The loss was immediately reported to Colonel Hermosa, chief of police, and his officers set out at once searching for the thief, but without result.

Mr. James Rasmussen, an old timer in the camp, has bought and is running the saloon formerly owned by Nick Vidolin, at La Colorada.

At La Colorada, Sunday, Maria Lopez, a girl eighteen years of age, committed suicide by swallowing cyanide. Unrequited affection is alleged as the cause for the rash act.

Raffles seem the order of the day in the great gold camp, and all sorts of articles of value are going in that way. Last week a fine mare mule, saddle and bridle were raffled. The lucky winner was Mr. F. A. Stevens of Zubiata, who bought up half the chances, and secured a valuable animal and outfit cheap. The mule is "stump broke."

elegant stock of goods, and a great warehouse on another street gives an inexhaustible supply from which to draw. Mr. Esquer has also a big branch store at Magdalena, which place he is now visiting.

Mr. Ben Bible, one of the engineers at the Grand Central hoist, has been afflicted with rheumatism so severely that he has gone to Arizona to try the effect of a change in air and climate. He hopes to return within a couple of months.

The "Dea" is the name of a very promising prospect located about half a mile north from La Colorada, which is the property of Messrs. Luis Paredes and Mr. Bayanpolos, both well known in Nogales. The property is adjacent to the Verde mine—which is on

On the Sick List.

Several well known Americans at Hermosillo have been on the sick list this week. They are now reported improving.

Mr. C. H. Breffett came in from Gabilan Monday, and has been since confined to his room at the Grand Hotel. He will be out again early next week.

Mr. Henry Cohen of the Grand Hotel, has been prostrated with *calentura*.

The *calentura* has also siezed upon Sheriff Joseph Roberts of Yavapai county Arizona, who has been several weeks at Hermosillo awaiting extradition of a prisoner now in jail at Agua Prieta. Yesterday evening the gentleman came up from the Sonora capital.

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